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AGAINST OXIDATION OF A CONDUCTIVE LAYER IN SAID  
DEVICE

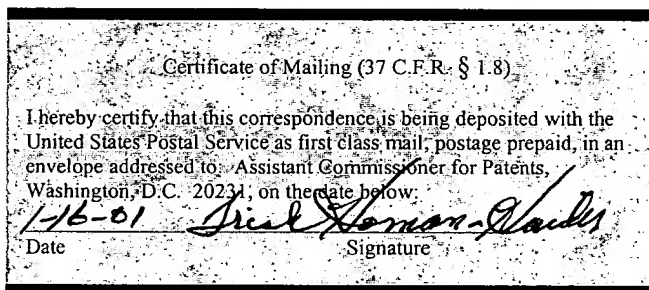
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If there are any matters which may be resolved or clarified through telephone interview, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Applicant's undersigned attorney at the number indicated.

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